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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

DUGGAN ET AL.

Examiner

Magda Cruz

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2000.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 14-22 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 9 and 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 21 June 2000 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 - 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 4.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: there is a spelling error in the title, that is "sphrical" instead of -- spherical -- .

Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

2. This application has been filed with informal drawings, which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.

3. The drawings are objected to because on Figure 4, the examiner believes that element 52 (the one on the upper side of element 14) is up side down, based on the position of element 52 on the lower side of element 14, and how said element is supposed to be engaged with the other engagement surface (element 18). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

4. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference characters "56" and "16" (Figure 4) have both been used to designate the "spherical bracket". A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings

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are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

5. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "62a, 62b and 62c" has been used to designate both "eccentric" (page 5, line 14) and "cam slots" (page 5, line 12). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

6. Applicant is required to submit a proposed drawing correction in reply to this Office action. However, formal correction of the noted defect may be deferred until after the examiner has considered the proposed drawing correction. Failure to timely submit the proposed drawing correction will result in the abandonment of the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 1-8 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over VanBreemen et al. in view of Haydu.

VanBreemen et al. (US Patent Number 4,556,913) discloses a mounting system (means for positioning the optical components, not shown in the drawings, but

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inherently part of the cabinet) for a light projector assembly (12) of a projection television comprising a cabinet (11), wherein the projector assembly's aim at a virtual center of the screen (path 24).

VanBreemen et al. teaches the salient features of the present invention, except the first and second spherical means co-acting with one another to restrict the movement of the light projector assembly to a portion of a spherical path, wherein the spherical wall includes a first spherical surface and the spherical bracket includes a second spherical surface which slidably engages the first spherical surface of the wall. However, VanBreemen et al. discloses locating features with the structure and optically aligning the components with one another (Figure 1).

Haydu (US Patent Number 5,113,320) teaches first and second spherical means (40, 90) co-acting with one another to restrict the movement of the light projector assembly (Figure 7) to a portion of a spherical path, wherein the spherical wall includes a first spherical surface (90) and the spherical bracket (86) includes a second spherical surface (40) that slidably engages the first spherical surface (90) of the wall.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to utilize spherical means disclosed by Haydu, in substitution of the locating features disclosed by VanBreemen et al.'s invention, for the purpose of defining a set of points having a common radius centered on a point (column 2, lines 56-57).

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 14-22 are allowed.

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10. Claims 9 and 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

11. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art does not teach a mounting system for a light projector assembly of a projection television, comprising in combination with the additionally recited elements, adjusting means including eccentrics that co-act with apertures and cam slots respectively formed in the spherical wall and bracket, wherein the spherical wall and bracket co-act with one another to rotate the light projector assembly along three axes, thereby restricting movement of the projector assembly to a portion of a spherical path and enabling adjustment of an image generated by the projector assembly on a screen of a projection television to a desired geometry.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Magda Cruz whose telephone number is (703)308-6367. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8:00-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Russ Adams can be reached on (703)308-2847. The fax phone numbers

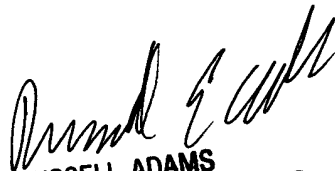
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for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)872-9318 for regular communications and (703)872-9319 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1782.


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